

# Show Don't Tell

## What is showing?

Showing **makes a picture in the mind** of the reader.

**Telling:** My neighbor has a really nice old desk.

**Showing:** My neighbor bought a solid oak, roll-top desk made in 1885 that contains a secret drawer triggered by a hidden spring.

## Telling Sentences:

She has really strange outfits.

The scenery in the mountains was beautiful.

The puppy is cute.

The boy was lonely.

I was sad when my dog died.

The boys are eating the whole cake.

I went to a scary movie with my brother.